

The kitchen was absolutely modern for that time. There was hot and cold running water, a grill and fully automatic turning spits for game and poultry. Rising hot air in the chimney turned a turbine in a broad tube above the spit, and the movement operated the spit over a gear (an invention by Leonardo Da Vinci). The heat of the big stove escaping from the stove to the chimney at the same time warmed the dishes in a plate warmer, which was installed in the wall beside the baking oven. The smoke of the big stove in the middle of the kitchen was led off under the floor. The water tap of the granite fish tank is the shape of a swan. The kitchen was in operation for two years. The King lived here only six months before his death.

As early as 1884, the Neuschwanstein Castle was centrally heated by warm air from the cellar and the ground floor. Hot air flowed through air shafts to the rooms of the upper stories. The immense volume of firewood was transported to the stoves by means of a lift. The big stoves for heating are in a special room next to the kitchen.

We enjoyed the tour of this magnificent castle. It ended all too quickly. It was raining gently as we walked down the steep trail from the castle. The trail was lined with trees and bushes. The motor coach, with Tony, was awaiting. We left the area about 3:30 p.m. Once again on our way, we saw a street sign with the familiar and well-loved name of "Robert Schmid." Tony got on the wrong road, and for a few minutes we were lost. He turned back to the Robert Schmid road and found the right highway. At Rittenberg, we passed a Kunz Construction truck and employees, and felt right at home. We passed the Village Innenausbas and the Sttattondt Alpsee. The German flags were flying half mast today for the death of the Pope. Soon, we reached the border of Austria. Tony, with a sly smile, told the guards at the border that he had a thousand Kunz's aboard his motor coach. We were now about a hundred kilometers from Vaduz, our destination for tonight. At 5:10 p.m., it was dark and